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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/26/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-18; Renumbered as 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of undue length. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

ABSTRACT

"A Method of Exchanging Digital Data"

A method of exchanging digital signatures (sign_A, sign_B) between a first and a second party (A, B) includes the first party encrypting sign_A and generating an authentication certificate (Cert_A), the Cert_A authenticating that the encrypted signature (C_TA) is an encryption of the signature of the first party. The first party (A) sends the C_TA and the Cert_A to the second party (B) which verifies that the C_TA is an encryption of the sign_A of the first party (A), and if the verification is positive, the second party (B) sends its sign_B to the first party (A) which, in turn, verifies that the sign_B is the digital signature of the second party (B), and if the verification is positive, the first party sends its unencrypted signature (sign_A) to the second party. The second

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party (B) verifies that the sign_A is the first party's digital signature, and accepts the sign_A is the first party's digital signature, and accepts the sign_A if the verification is positive. If the verification is negative, the second party (B) sends the encrypted C_TA and sign_B to an independent third party (T). The third party (T) decrypts the (C_TA) of the first party (A) to obtain the first party's sign_A, and verifies that the sign_A, sign_B are verified as the digital signatures of the first and second parties (A, B), the third party (T) sends sign_A to the second party (B) and sign_B to the first party (A).